

May 2, 2013

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Curtis attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Supt. Givens; Comm. Waters; Geno Rush - R & R Tree Removal; Anna Hyman - Mission at the Cross; Lois Gray - Posey County News; and Sara Manifold - Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting, as well as those of the Executive Session, and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Curtis moved the reading of both sets of minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he was contacted by the Vincennes Fire Chief a few months ago about a new mutual aid agreement that involves the states of Illinois, Kentucky, and Indiana. All Departments in Posey County are going to join. He stated he will need Mayor Tucker's signature on the agreement, but would like to table any action for now until Attorney Higgins has a chance to review it, just as a precaution.

Mayor Tucker stated they have done mutual aid agreements in the past, but never across state lines.

Board agreed to table action until Attorney Higgins can review the agreement.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated Miss Bethel's computer is old, has no spreadsheet capabilities, etc. They also need to renew their Norton anti-virus. He continued his report by stating there is a waste water course being offered on May 11, May 18, June 1 and June 8 that will allow the employees 10 CEU's. The cost of the course is \$145 and is being offered at Ivy Tech. He stated Dennis Givens, the Pre Treatment Director, wants to attend all four courses and Gene Carroll as well. They need to maintain their licenses.

Board member Fuelling moved permission for Mr. Givens and Mr. Carroll to attend and use a city vehicle be given. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Board member Curtis stated their licenses are good for two years, and there will be other appropriate training opportunities as well.

Supt. Givens replied that is true, and this training is important to waste water.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Givens continued his report by stating he has given the Board copies of letters concerning St. Matthews Child Ministry. He explained they had lines backing up and when they got down there, the line was flowing. St. Matthews called Roto Rooter twice over the issue. He reminded the Board, the city is responsible for the main and the owner for the lateral. St. Matthews then called Sanders and they dug up the spot that was marked by Roto Rooter, but it was mismarked. The line is a very old line as well. He stated St. Matthews wants reimbursed for the money they spent. Attorney Higgins has looked over the rebuttal letter that he wrote, as he does not feel they owe St. Matthews anything since the city spent time and money relocating the line at the city's cost.

Board member Fuelling asked if St. Matthews cost was \$4,759.00 ?

Supt. Givens replied yes but the city paid, did the work, on relocating the line, which cost around \$4,500.00. He added if the Board has different feelings, he is open to that. He stated he just feels if they do this and reimburse them, others will be making the same request.

Board member Fuelling stated it sounds like the same situation as if this were a home, pretty clear cut.

Supt. Givens stated this was the lateral, though they feel this is all the city's fault. They thought the lateral was collapsed, but their lateral was not plugged, it was tied to a very old line.

Board member Curtis stated if the very old line was the city's, then the city is responsible.

Supt. Givens stated he doesn't feel the city should pay the whole bill, and actually, St. Matthews should have called the city first, when they first started having problem.

Board member Curtis replied he understands that too. He then stated he would like time to look at this, he does not feel he can make a decision today.

Board member Fuelling agreed.

Mayor Tucker stated the city was out extra expense, and he believes Supt. Givens feels the costs were balanced out on both sides.

Supt. Givens agreed.

Board agreed to table any action until the next meeting.

Supt. Givens continued his report by stating he has also drafted a letter to the resident of Country Terrace. They have fixed some of the issues out there, but some residents have fences, and storage buildings on top of the sewer lines. The letter basically states that either the residents remove the obstructions, or the city will and they will not be put back up. He added they also need to do some smoke testing - Donnie Rye, with the Street Department, knows how to do the testing.

Board member Fuelling stated Attorney Higgins is working on a letter he believes. He then stated the city has already corrected a lot of issues out there.

Supt. Givens agreed but added the last big rain they did have a small discharge. The area shouldn't be hard to smoke test.

Board member Curtis stated he feels the letter is acceptable and Supt. Givens should go ahead and send it.

Supt. Givens stated he will also have Printcrafters make some door tags.

Mayor Tucker stated it sounds like they will pre warn folks, do the testing, and then send the letter.

Board member Curtis stated he should print out a couple hundred door tags and leave the dates blank for future use.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

St. Comm. Waters stated they have a 13 year old mower that they need to replace - it will cost more to fix it than it is worth. He has gotten four quotes, as follows:

Arctic Cat	2013 Dixie Chopper 2350 Commercial Grade Mower	\$5,248.95
W & F Small Engines	X-One 48" FX691	\$7,407.00
	X-One 54" FX730	\$7,625.00
J L Farm Equipment	Exmark Pioneer S-Series 48" cut	\$5,359.00
Exmark Pioneer	S-Series 52" cut	\$5,599.00
John Deer-Wright Stemle	Z915B Commercial Ztrak	\$6,244.00

Board member Fuelling moved they accept the low quote of Arctic Cat and make the purchase. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Waters stated they also have quotes on the annual tree removal, as follows:

R & R Quality Tree Service	\$3,000.00
Wabash Valley Tree Service	\$2,700.00
Tree Sergeant	\$8,000.00

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated she would like to forward the quotes to Attorney Higgins because upon first glance, they do not have adequate insurance coverage.

Comm. Waters stated if the low bid, Wabash Valley Tree, can meet the insurance requirements, he would like to accept their quote, if not, possibly the second lowest can meet the requirements and they can then proceed.

Board agreed to table any action until they get verification on the insurance requirements.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Anna Hyman approached and stated she is with Mission at the Cross and they would like to have a fundraiser May 11, alternate date June 8, at the intersection of 4th and Main from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Board member Fuelling asked if they will be doing buckets at the intersection and if so, they need to have safety vests. Ms. Hyman replied yes, and agreed with the vests.

Board member Fuelling moved permission be given for May 11 with rain date of June 8, as cited above. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Board member Fuelling stated there is still some work that needs to be done at the riverfront before the dedication - electric work, banners, etc. He stated the total needed to get all of the loose ends tied up is \$8,740.00. He added this total excludes any vandalism that may occur or unexpected expenses.

Board member Curtis added Board member Fuelling also has commitments from other folks on some money.

Board member Fuelling agreed and added approximately \$1,700.00.

Board member Curtis stated they need to go ahead and finish this project. He then moved the city spend \$8,740.00 to complete the project. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Board member Fuelling stated EDIT has a line for the riverfront where they can pay this.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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John Tucker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Sitzman, Clerk-Treasurer